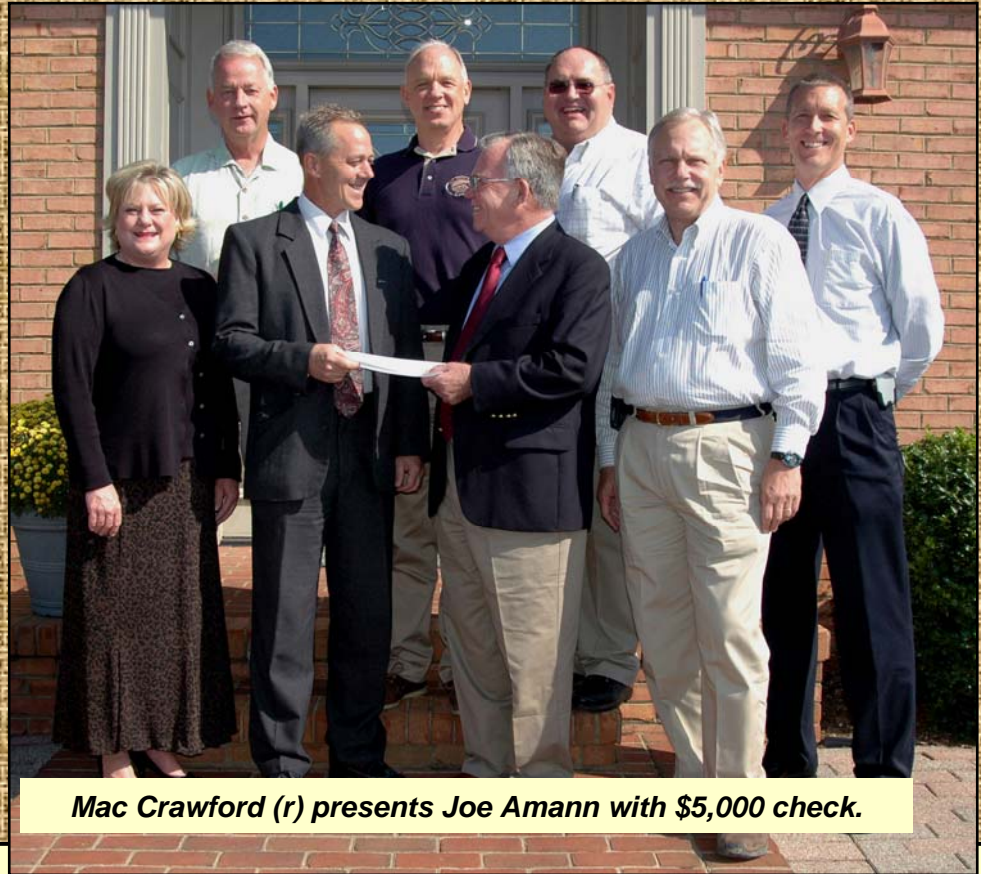


## C.E. McCormick ATC recipient of \$5,000 HBA donation

Carpentry, electricity, and masonry programs received an injection of badly needed funds when the Home Builders Association of Northern Kentucky (HBANKY) and the Home Builder's Association of Kentucky (HBAK) awarded \$5,000 to the C.E. McCormick ATC. The school also received 25 books and workbooks for carpentry and electricity programs respectively.

The money came from a "Building Today's Workforce for Tomorrow" federal Department of Labor grant received by the HBAK from the national Home Builders Institute (HBI). Kentucky was one of 10 grant sites to be funded.

The major purpose of the grant is to increase participation in trades training. Grant requirements included splitting the money up among secondary and postsecondary education institutions and Home Builder's Associations.



*Mac Crawford (r) presents Joe Amann with \$5,000 check.*

*Photo, front row (l to r): Mary Stratton, OCTE area supervisor; Joe Amann, C.E. McCormick ATC principal; Mac Crawford, Crawford Builders and HBAK Workforce Development Chairman; Fred Dallenbach, Dallenbach Builders; and OCTE Deputy Exec. Dir. Mike Kindred. Back row (l to r): Glen Perkins, GD Perkins Designer/Builder; Neal Tong, 2008 HBAK president, Neal Tong Building and Remodeling; and Mike Kegley, B.O.L.D. Homes.*

In an effort to expand the goals of the DOL grant on a statewide basis, HBAK worked with the HBANKY to provide funding for C.E. McCormick ATC construction programs. The school was chosen as the recipient because carpentry instructor David Lawson had developed a positive working relationship with HBANKY over the years. Both Lawson and his principal Joe Amann were willing to use the donation to buy materials for students and help refine pathways for more students to enter HBANKY's Enzweiler Apprentice Training Program.

"It has been my privilege to work with the Home Builders Association of Northern Kentucky for the past 10 years," said Lawson. "My students have been the recipients of support efforts including supplies, field trips, guest speakers, and even job interviews. Our mutually beneficial partnership has been built on respect and trust. I personally want to thank Tara Brinkmoeller, HBANKY professional development director and Juva Sizemore, HBAK government affairs director. Both ladies have gone above and beyond in their efforts to have opportunities materialize for students. This type of support is priceless."

One of the major reasons for the funding of this grant is to address a part of the labor shortage. All parties agree this type of effort will positively promote construction careers in the classroom - where future careers are determined.

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*According to Mac Crawford, HBAK Workforce Development Chairman and owner of Crawford Builders:*

*"Education in the construction industry is one of the most important types of education we can provide to Kentucky students because careers in construction are careers that stay here."*

*Neil Tong, 2008 HBAK President and owner of Neil Tong Building and Remodeling:*

*"There's no more important place to put our investment, support and time than with Kentucky's students – especially in the technical education and skills training programs offered by the Kentucky Tech school system."*

*Tara Brinkmoeller, HBANKY professional development director:*

*"Mr. Lawson was been instrumental in building a relationship with HBANKY. He and his colleagues are enthusiastic about helping students move into the construction related career fields and see them as viable options."*

